

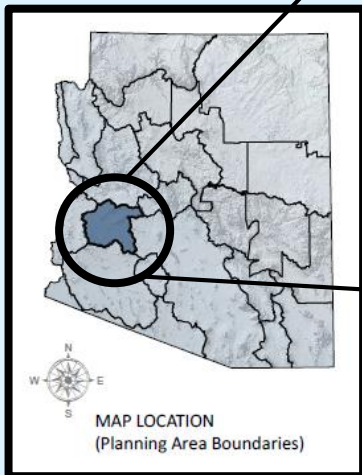
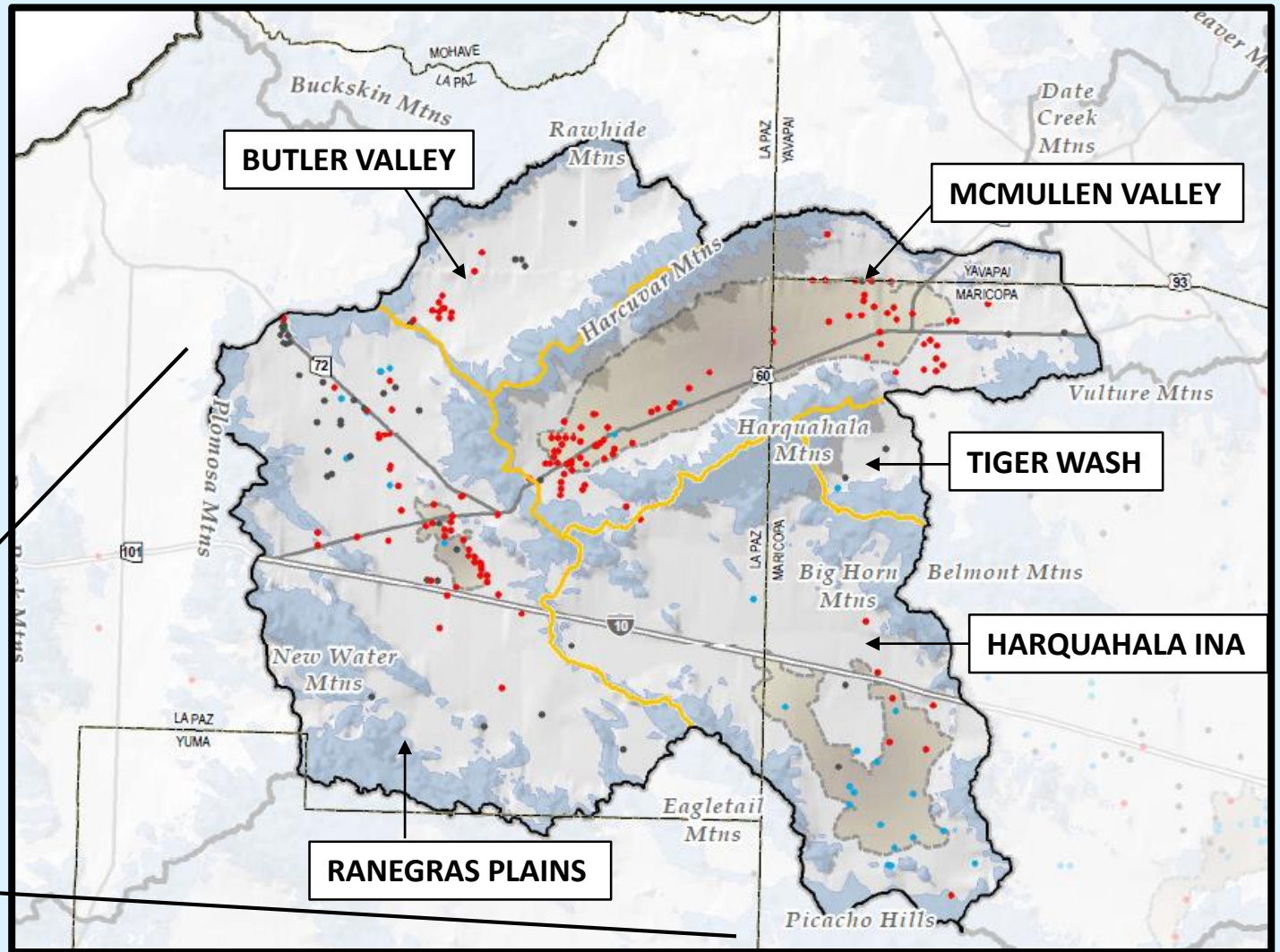
# Overview of Management Tools



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- Only limitation on groundwater use is that it must be put to beneficial use and withdrawn from a legally constructed and registered well
- In Arizona, groundwater in an aquifer is considered a public resource. The Arizona Supreme Court held “there is no right of ownership of groundwater in Arizona prior to its capture and withdrawal from the common supply”

# West Basins Planning Area

- Not within one of the state's Active Management Areas (AMA)
- Includes the Harquahala Valley Groundwater basin which is an Irrigation Non-expansion Area (INA)
- ADWR regulatory authority limited outside of an AMA or INA
- AMAs and INAs are two management tools that are currently available
- Could the existing tools be part of the consensus based solution set?

# Questions?

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